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## RED

### AND THE GREAT FLING-OFF



Level

# 4











# Note to parents, carers and teachers

*Read it yourself* is a series of modern stories, favourite characters and traditional tales written in a simple way for children who are learning to read. The books can be read independently or as part of a guided reading session.

Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

## Ideas for use

- Although your child will now be progressing towards silent, independent reading, let her know that your help and encouragement is always available.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading. Answering the puzzle questions at the back of the book will help with understanding.

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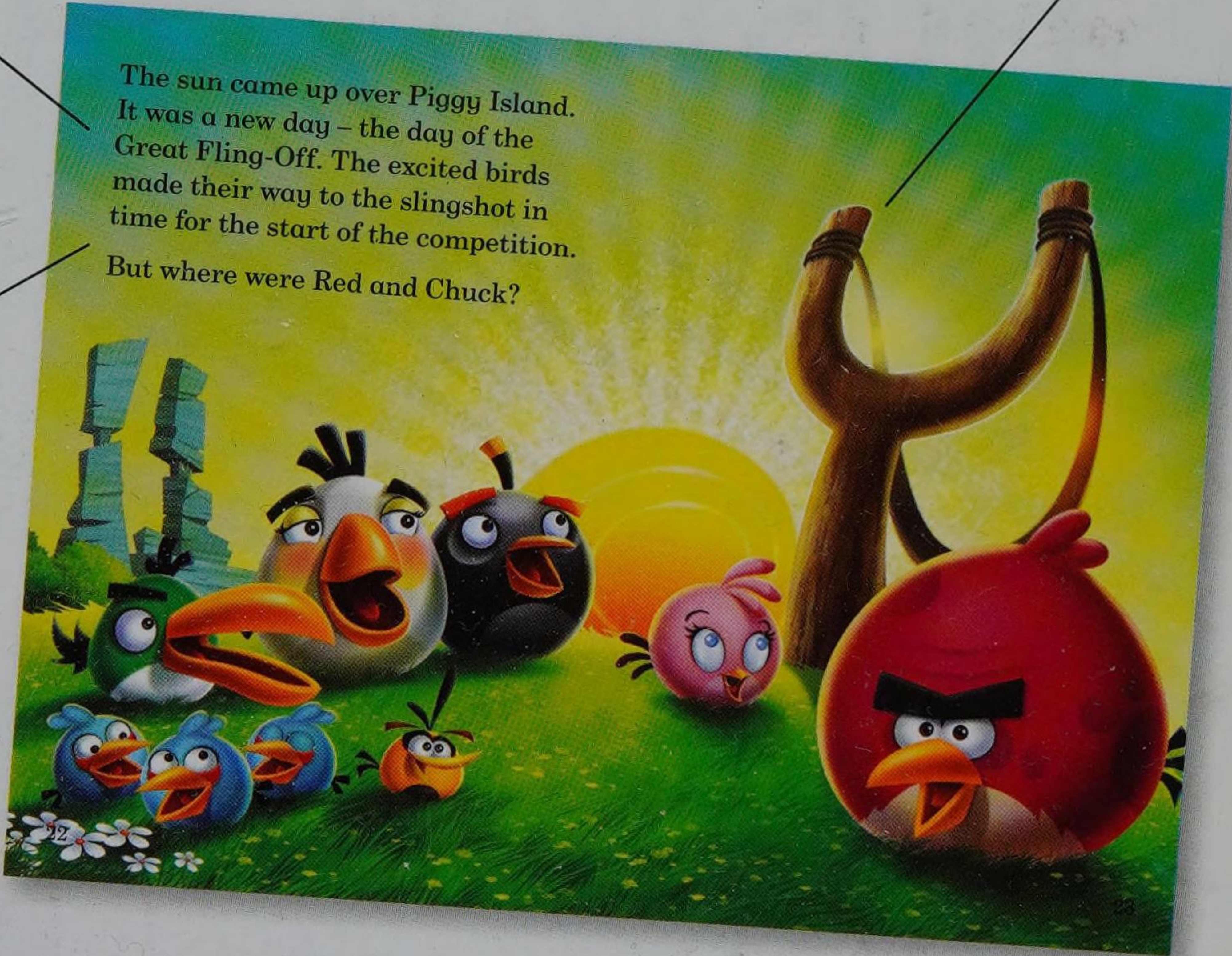
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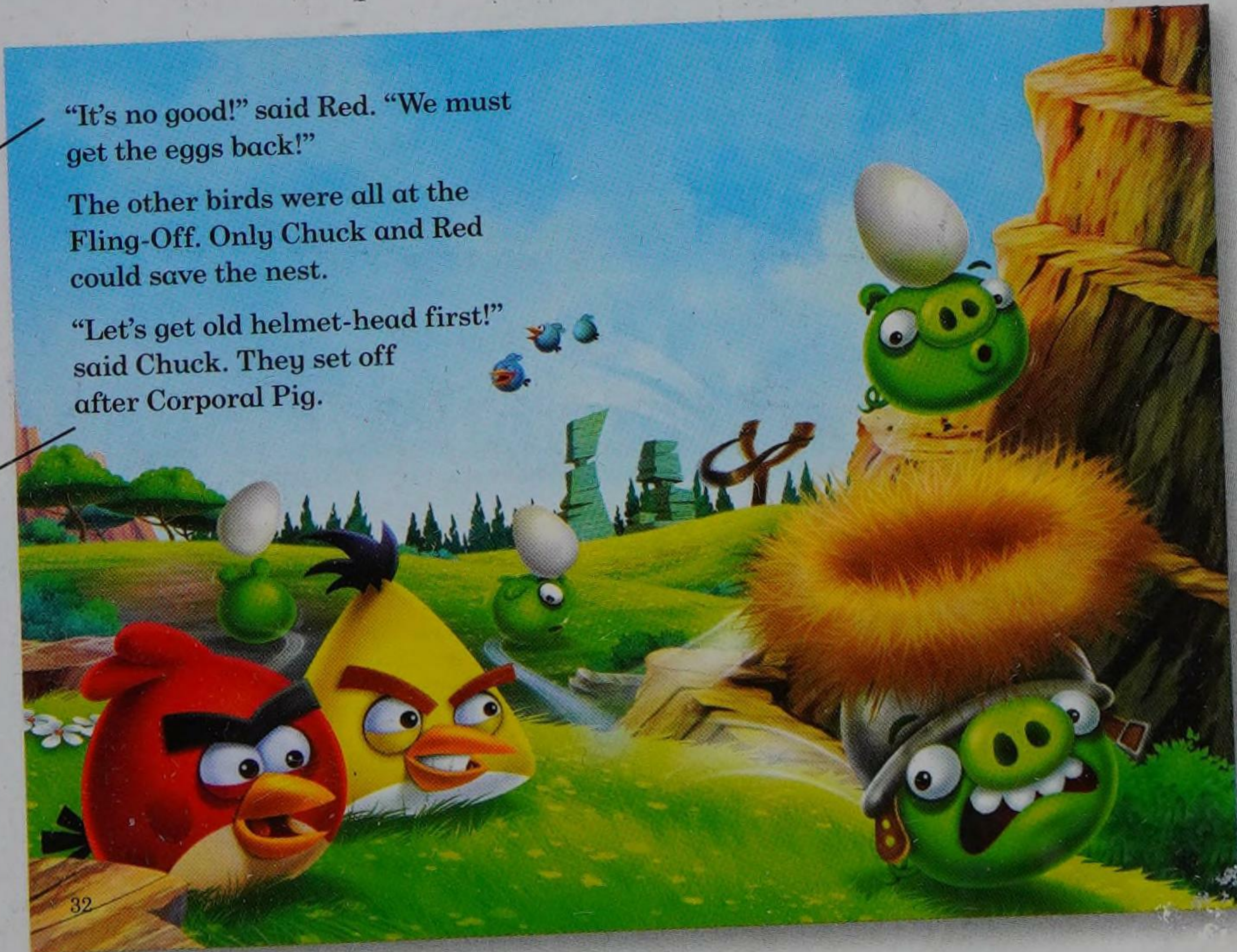
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# RED AND THE GREAT FLING-OFF



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Red couldn't sleep. He was too excited. The next day was the day of the Great Fling-Off on Piggy Island. Last year, Chuck had been the winner. "But this year," thought Red, "it's my turn!"









The Fling-Off was the birds' big competition. They took turns to fling themselves as far as they could with the slingshot. The one who went furthest was the winner. Red had practised his fling over and over again.









“But what if Chuck has practised more?” thought Red.

Chuck loved competitions. He loved all the training and practising. He loved to come first, too.

“Perhaps I should do some more training right now,” thought Red.









Red made his way quietly to the slingshot. But Chuck had got there first. Just like Red, Chuck was too excited to sleep. Just like Red, he had got up in the night to do some more training.









“Great!” said Chuck. “Now we can train together!”

Red didn’t want to help Chuck train. He wanted to be the Fling-Off winner this year. But he couldn’t see a way out.









“Let’s start with speed training!”  
said Chuck. “I’ll race you to the  
top of the mountain. Go!”

The race was very close. Chuck  
just made it to the mountain top  
first. Red was going so fast, he  
went TOO far!









By now, Red was a very angry bird! “Right!” he said to Chuck. “Let’s see how well you can swim! See that big rock out there? The first one to swim there and back is the winner!”









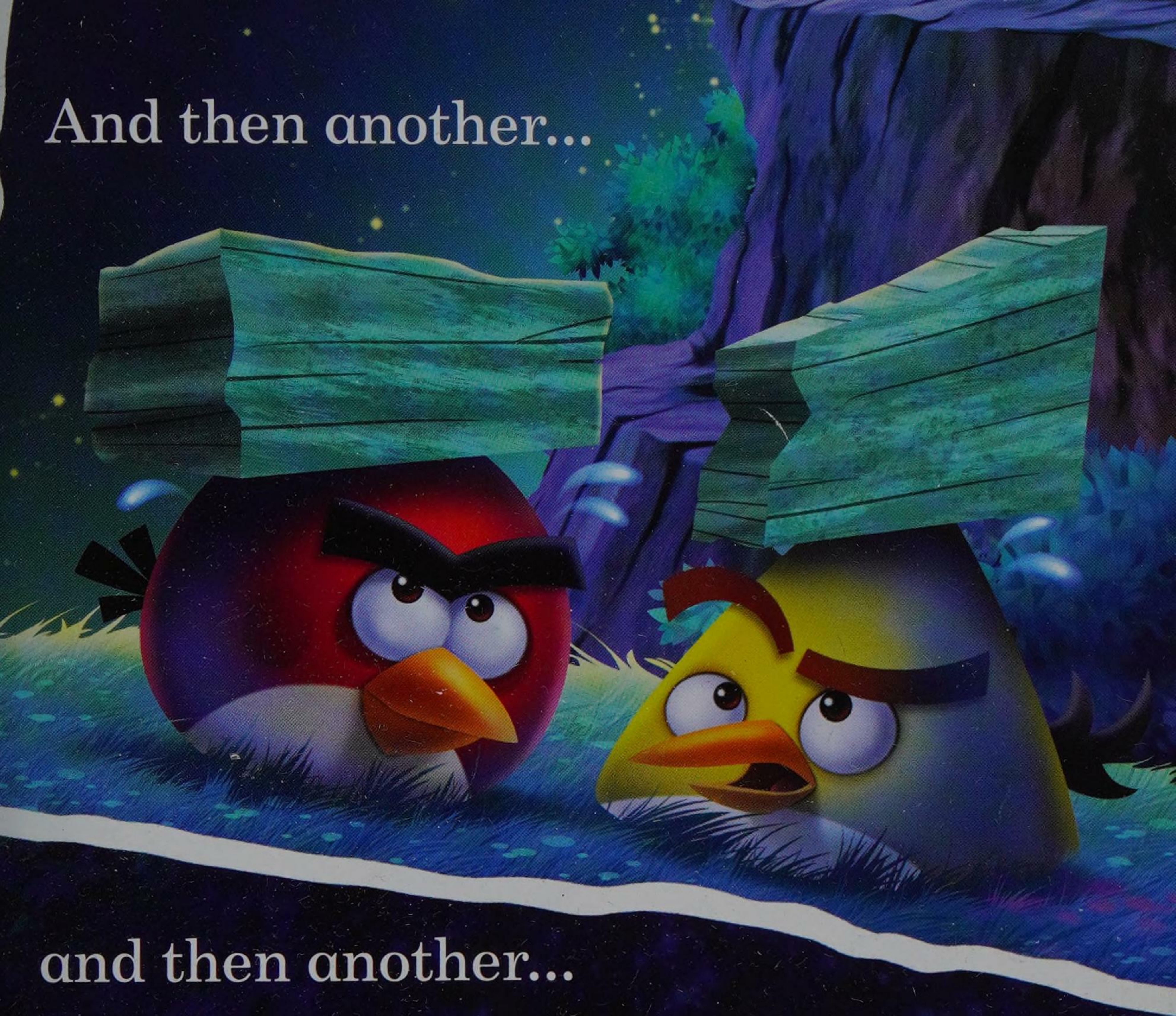
The race was close again. But this time, Red came first. Chuck didn't like that.

"We should test our strength next," he said. So the two birds had another competition.





And then another...



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The sun came up over Piggy Island. It was a new day – the day of the Great Fling-Off. The excited birds made their way to the slingshot in time for the start of the competition. But where were Red and Chuck?

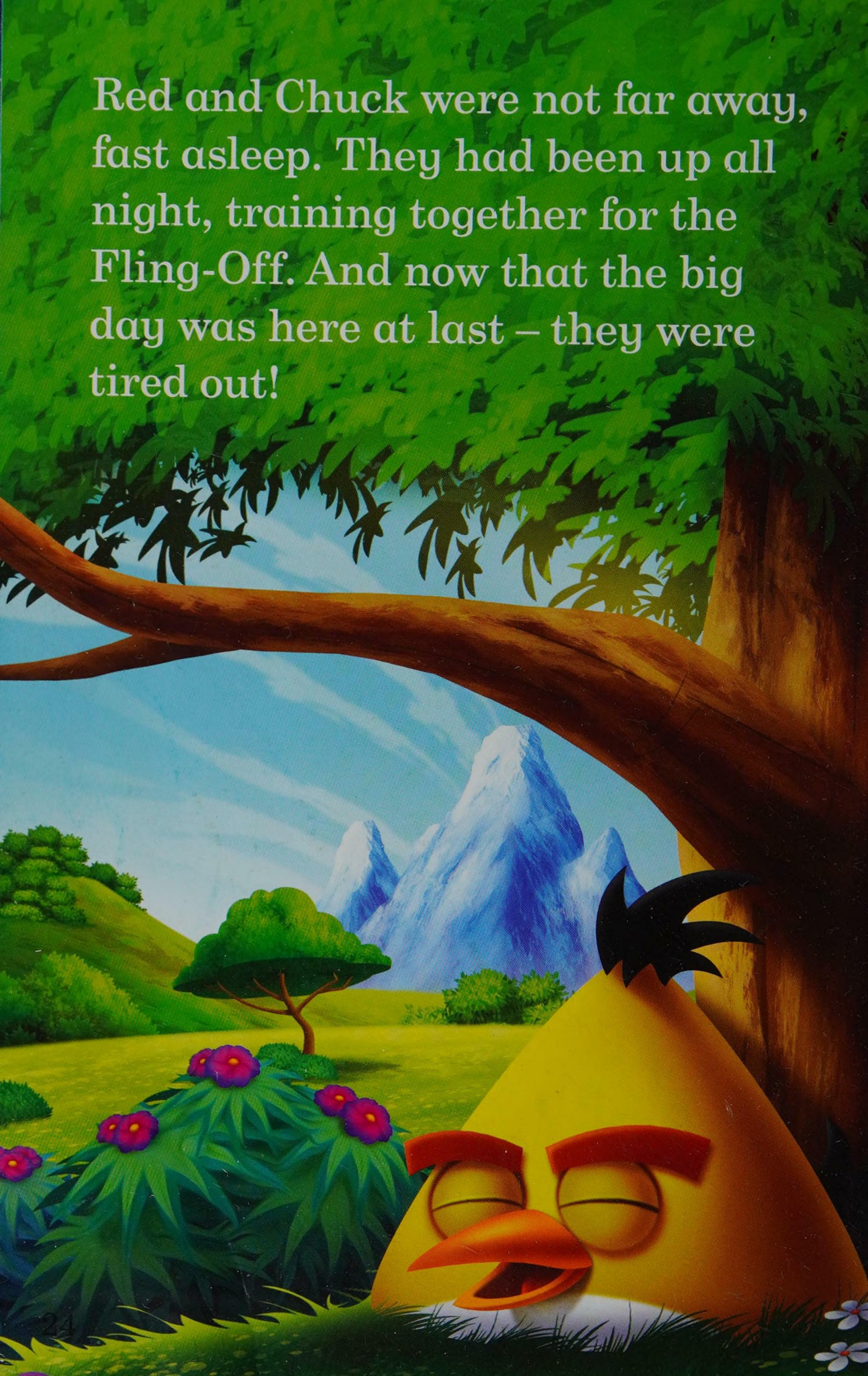








Red and Chuck were not far away,  
fast asleep. They had been up all  
night, training together for the  
Fling-Off. And now that the big  
day was here at last – they were  
tired out!









Chuck woke up. “Get up, Red!” he said. “The Fling-Off must be about to start!”

They set off for the slingshot at top speed. But on the way, Red saw something. “Look!” he said quietly. “Over there! Pigs!”





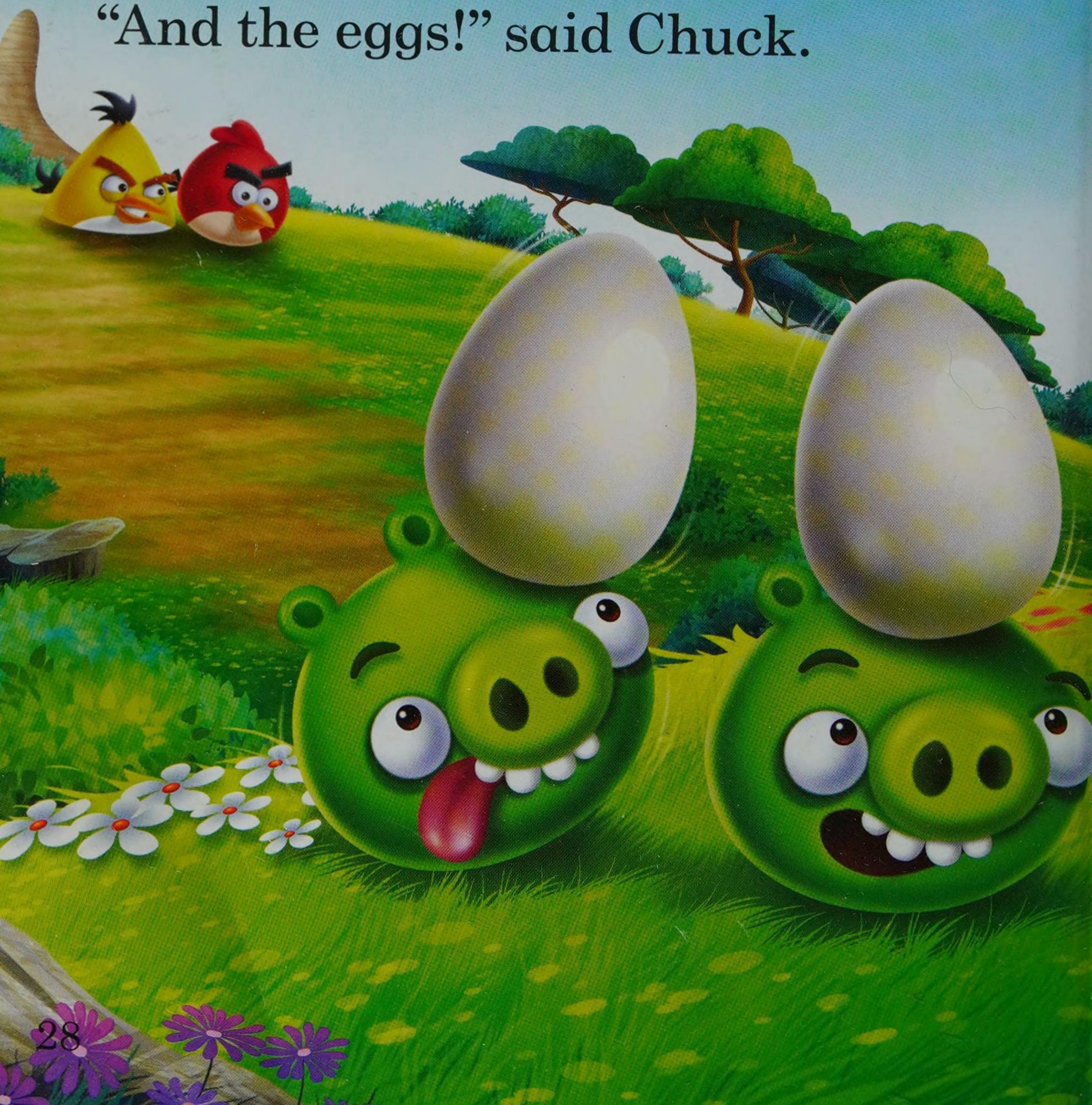




Corporal Pig and three other pigs were sneaking away from the birds' home. They had something with them – something that made Red and Chuck very angry.

“They are sneaking away with our nest!” said Red.

“And the eggs!” said Chuck.









Red and Chuck were about to go after the pigs when they heard a noise. It was the noise that marked the start of the Fling-Off. Chuck and Red looked at one another. They were about to miss the competition.









“It’s no good!” said Red. “We must get the eggs back!”

The other birds were all at the Fling-Off. Only Chuck and Red could save the nest.

“Let’s get old helmet-head first!” said Chuck. They set off after Corporal Pig.









Corporal Pig made it as far as the mountain. He raced up it as fast as he could. But Chuck and Red were much faster. They soon had the nest back.

“Now for the eggs!” said Red.



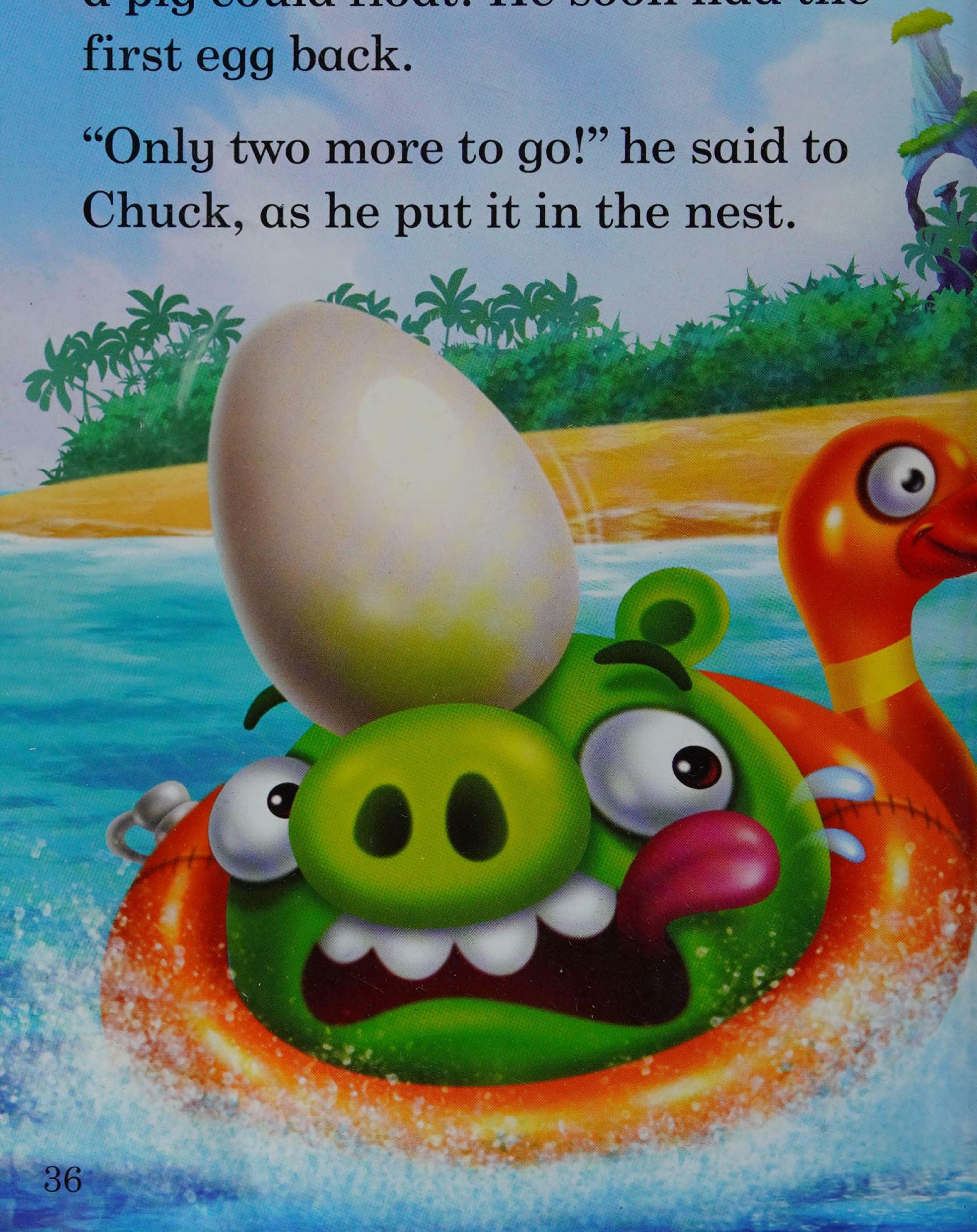






The first minion pig thought he would float away. But Red thought not. He could swim much faster than a pig could float! He soon had the first egg back.

“Only two more to go!” he said to Chuck, as he put it in the nest.









Chuck didn't use speed to catch the next minion pig. He used his strength – and a very big rock. Soon there were two eggs back in the nest.

“Just one more to save!”  
said Red with a smile.









Red and Chuck were tired from training all night. But they were not about to let the last pig get away with their egg. Together, they used the last of their speed and strength to catch him.









Red and Chuck were both very glad the nest was full again – but sad they had missed the Fling-Off.

“Perhaps one of us will be the winner next year,” said Chuck.

“Yes,” said Red. “But which one?”









“Don’t start that again!” said Matilda. The other birds had come racing over to see Red and Chuck. They were all smiling.

“We saw how you saved the eggs just now,” said Matilda. “And that makes you both winners!”









How much do you remember about the story of Angry Birds: Red and the Great Fling-Off? Answer these questions and find out!

- What competition does Red want to win?
- Who does Red want to beat?
- Who wins the race to the mountain top?
- Who wins the swim to the rock and back?
- How many eggs do the pigs steal?
- Who tells Red and Chuck they are both winners?





Unjumble these words to make characters from the story, then match them to the correct pictures.

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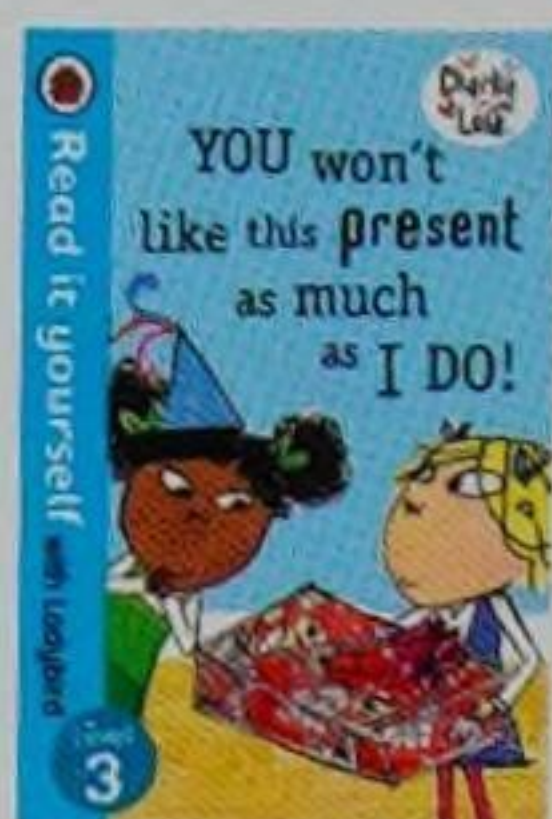
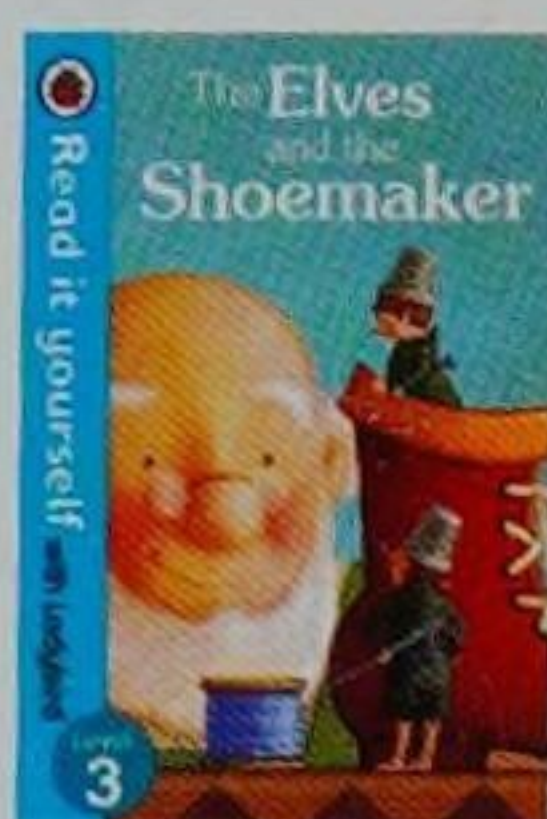
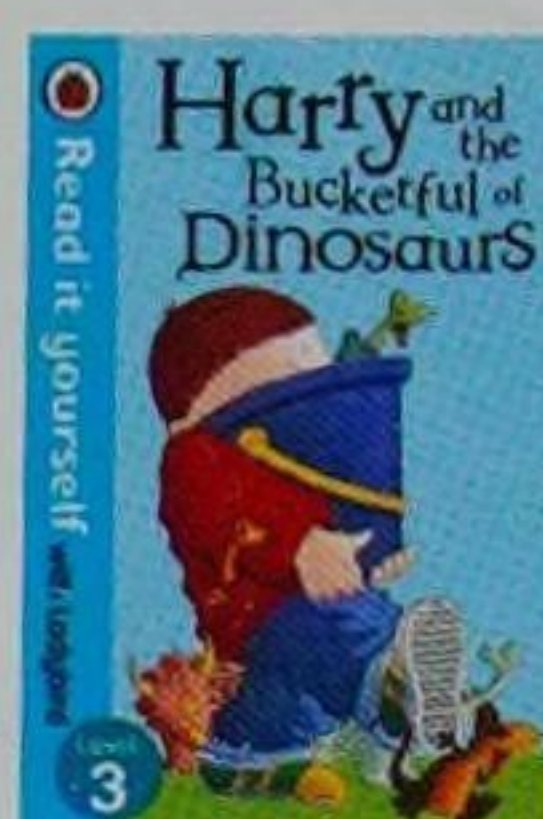
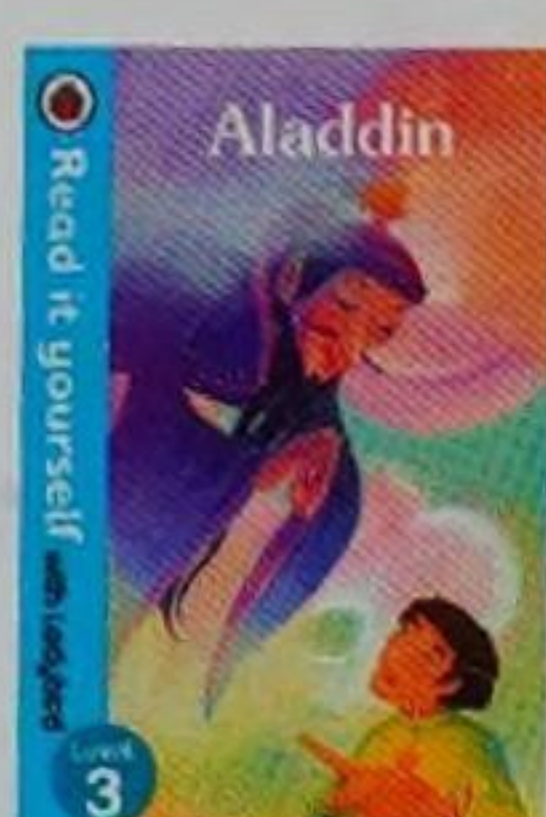
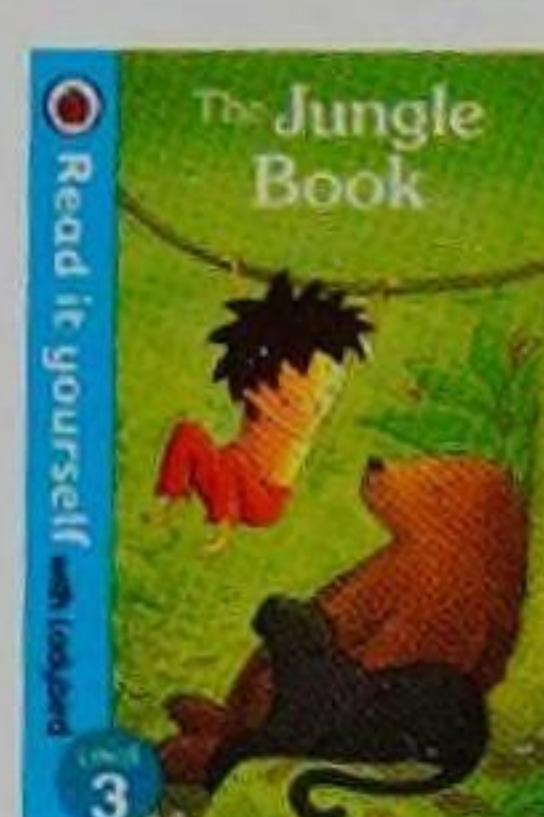
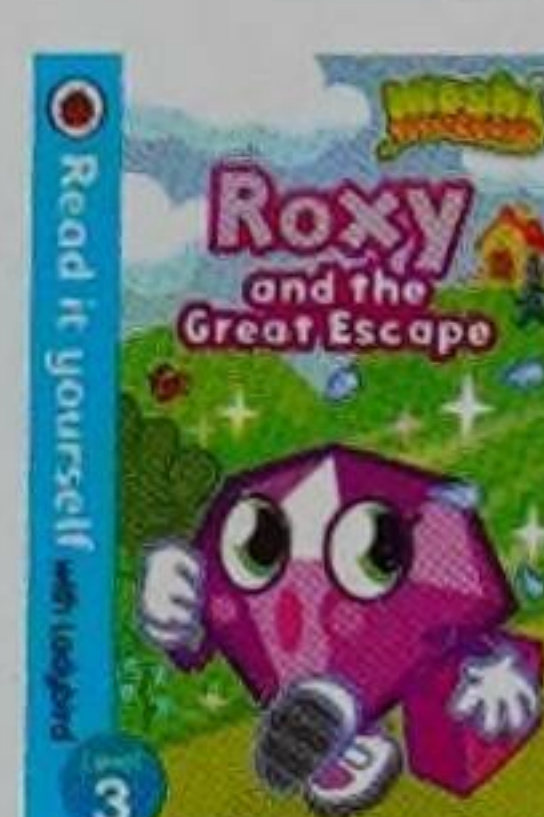
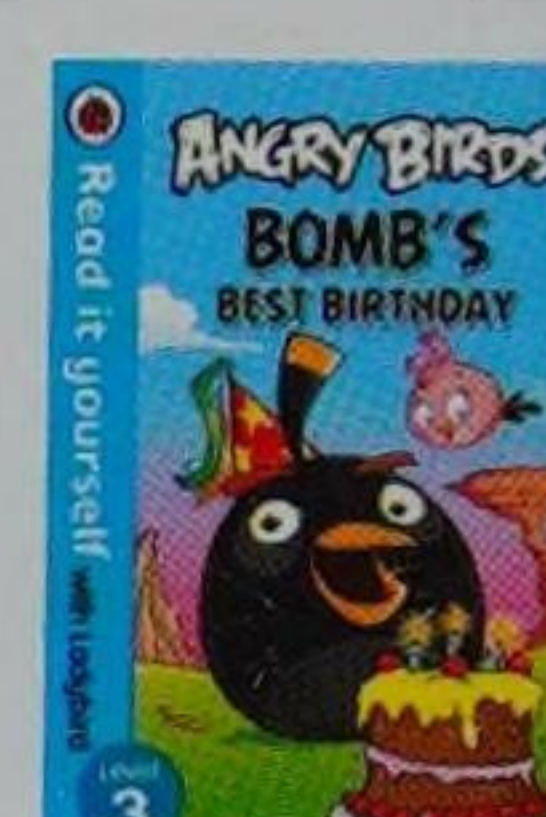


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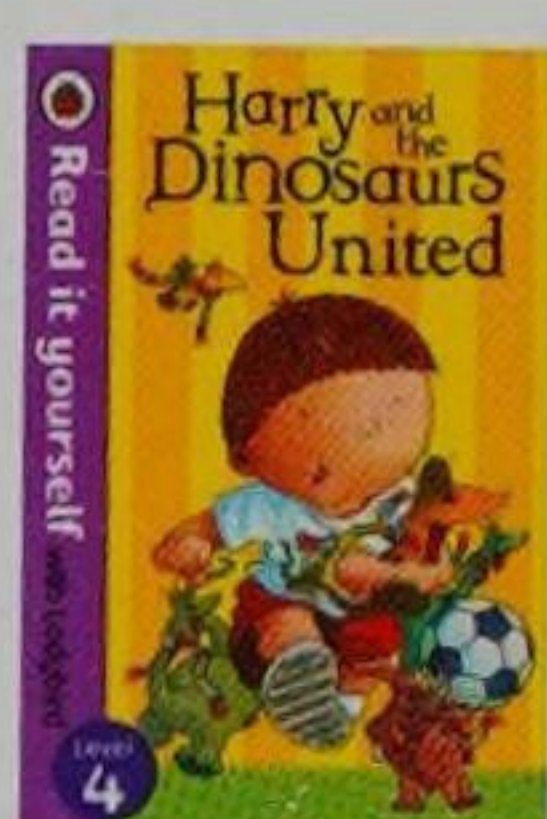
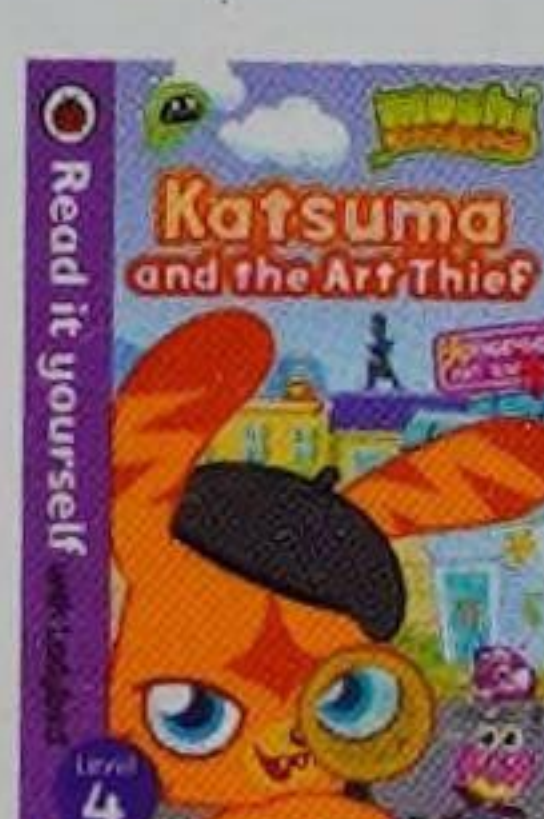
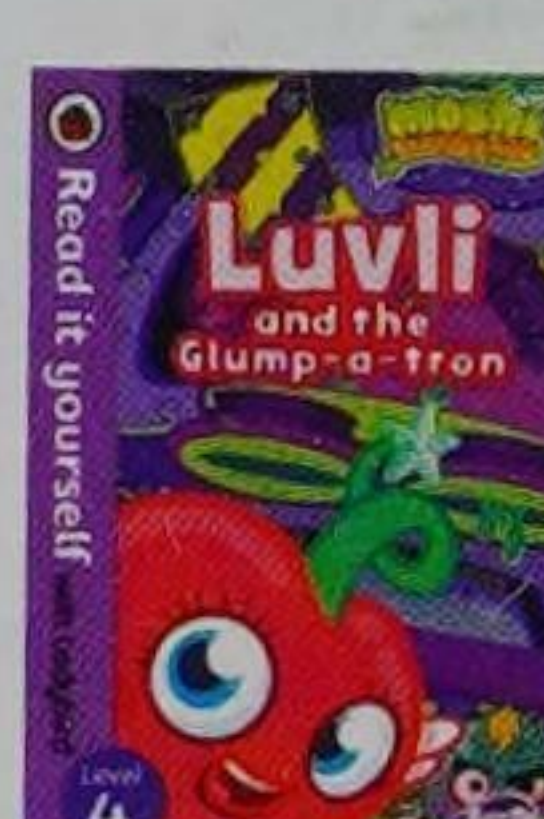
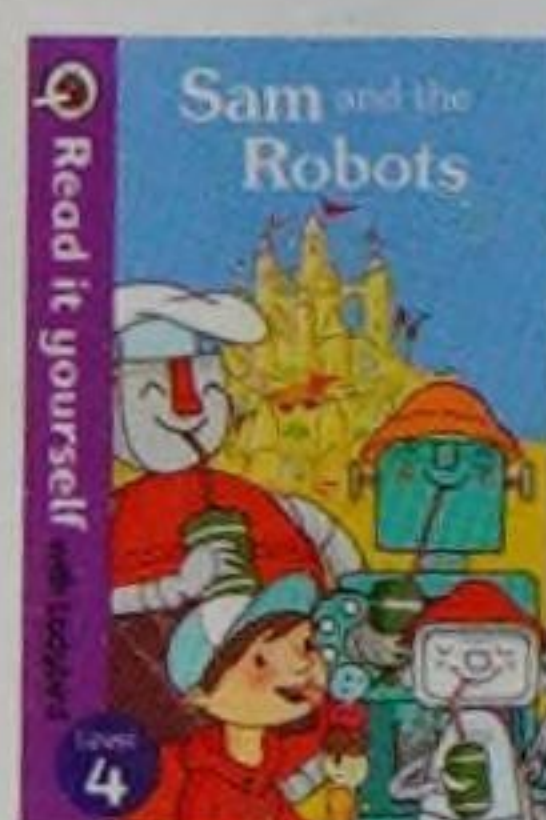
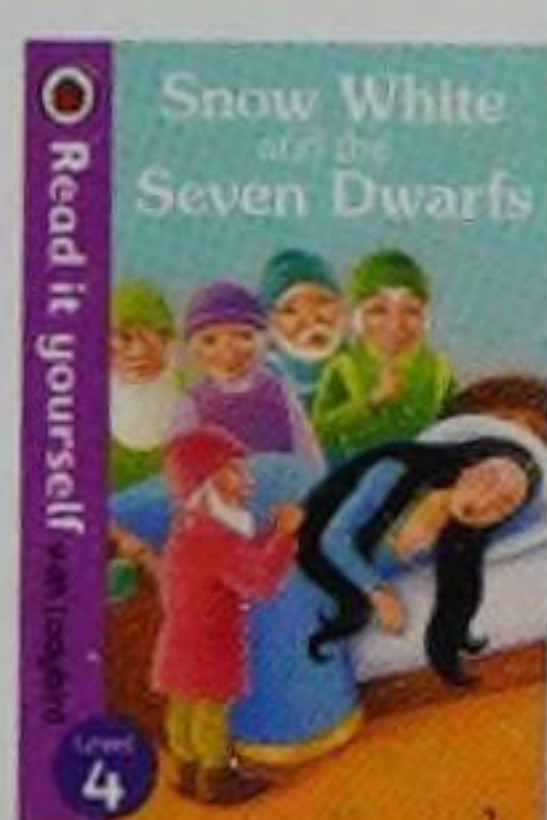
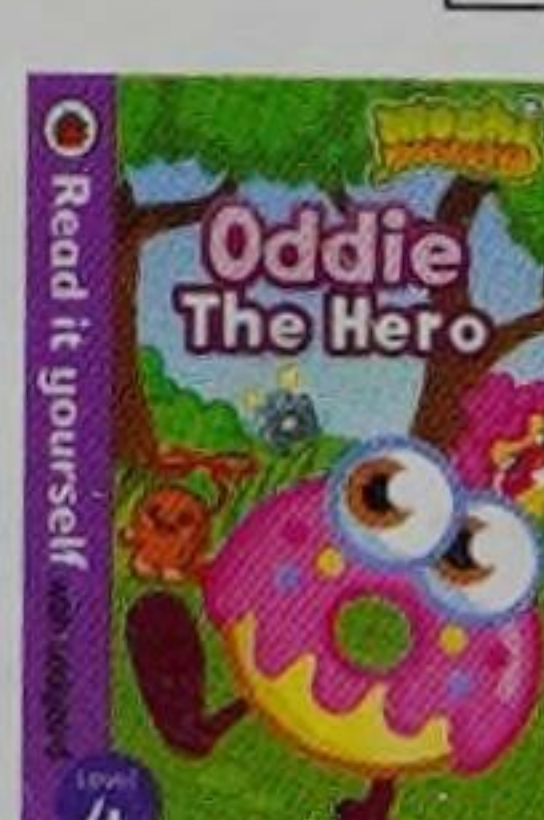
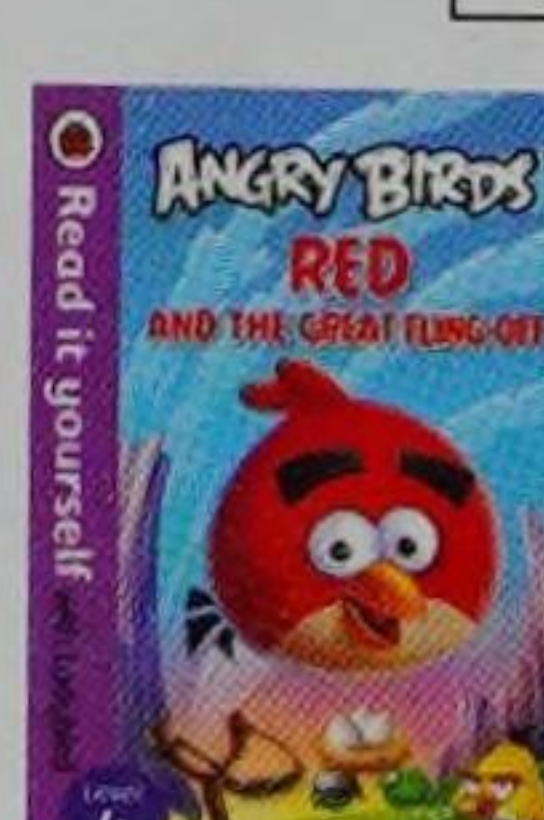
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Red is training hard for the Great Fling-Off but so is his rival, Chuck. Will all the birds' efforts pay off when pigs suddenly appear?

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### Level 2

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### Level 3

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